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IN THE SPIRIT WE GIVE

'Tis Christmas Eve. Tonight we are again in the joy of the anniversary of that night some 2,000 years ago when the angels spoke to the shepherds on the hills of old Judea, "Unto you is born this day a Savior," and the heavenly hosts sang, "On earth peace, good will toward man."

This evening as we tarry on the threshold of another Christmas Day we should realize the significance of that message. The year 1920 will soon be a matter of history. Have we fostered the spirit of this Christmas Eve the last year?

Perhaps we have received much and likewise we have given much. We have busied ourselves the last few days with shopping that we might give presents to our friends and relatives. We have planned dinners, parties and reunions for Christmas that we might be happy. It is well that we do this but let us not forget that with all our jollity and with all of our gifts, without the Christmas spirit we have nothing. It is the spirit in which we give that counts. If we are giving presents only that someone might favor us with a gift it is better that we refrain from giving. If we are showering our children with costly presents and denying them our companionship we are failing in the spirit.

There are splendid homes in Columbia tonight that with all of the gifts that money can buy would not be happy. There are others poor in the comforts of life but rich in the spirit that are happy—happy because Santa Claus will remember them with a few simple toys and some warm clothing.

Toys will soon corrode and rust away; a luxurious dinner is soon forgotten; and an expensive party soon becomes a thing of yesterday, but a gift given and received in the true Christmas spirit lingers on and is cherished through the years.

And this evening as we give out gifts and likewise receive, whether that gift be great or small, let us not forget that it is the spirit that counts. It was because of the spirit of Him whose birth we celebrate tonight that the world is better.

OUR WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Whether we realize it or not, countries of the western hemisphere are closely linked in ideals and characteristics. The United States has a common interest with Canada, more real perhaps than with any other country. To the south, however, external conditions have made for a slightly different feeling or lack of feeling. Miles of ocean, a race temperamentally opposite to our own and an inclination to take Mexico as an example of the South American republics have clouded our vision. In zealously expounding the Monroe Doctrine we have come to take a big brother attitude toward these smaller nations rather than regard them as equals working for the same end.

America has been busily engaged in developing her own resources. Enterprising men have pushed into all parts of the earth, but by individual initiative alone. So it has been with the southern continent. Other nations have by carefully planned systems sought to gain the good will of these Latin people. We have let the situation drift and temporarily suffered from our own indifference and the propaganda of opponents.

Only in times of the stress does the western hemisphere completely submerge its differences. Should nations fall back into alliances of old these continents may be expected to stand side by side. Founded and developed as a departure from the old order they represent the closest

approach to the ideals of a free people. Topographical conditions demand an alliance which could be made a working unit by a peace time understanding.

If a grouch happens to smile at Christmas time, it means more than the smile of an optimist.

GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, MYRRH

The wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ nineteen hundred and twenty years ago. Wise men still bring gifts of gold, and frankincense and myrrh. There is poetry in the mere naming of the gifts. There is music in the sound of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The words took hold upon our childhood's imagination, and still there is an appeal in their rhythm.

Frankincense means pure incense. Myrrh, which was made from the bitter balsamic juice of the myrtle, is suggestive of the bitterness of some sacrifices we are called upon to make, but which when made, rise in fragrant incense to the most sacrificial one, the Christ. Gold symbolizes the material wealth, which given unto the "least of these," constitutes a gift to the Savior.

Wise men still give of their earthly goods to the support of righteousness and are richly recompensed. The incense of a life of purity makes unlovely places sweet. And he who has not yet tasted the bitter knows not the sweet.

In our giving we sometimes ignorantly question the appreciation of the receiver. Has our gold been directed to the place of need as we intended, we ask. Do the poor and the suffering realize their needs, and are they accordingly grateful?

The blessedness of giving is not mitigated by lack of appreciation. We ourselves are blessed by giving. Did the infant king of souls understand the significance of the gold, and frankincense and myrrh? Where love and adoration prompts the gift, there is no thought of reciprocal appreciation.

THE NEW BOOKS

"Sand Hollar"

"Sand Hollar" is even more delightful than "Amarilly of Clothes-Line Alley," the quaint and amusing story that won fame for the author, Miss Belle Kanaris Mandates. Following a rutty by-path in the rural south country, you find "Sand Hollar"—peopled with homely and likeable folks. The thrill of mystery and the charm of a romance, which does not run too smoothly, hold your interest.

Wade Sheridan is a real man, while Kenneth Lloyd is a human and not too perfect heroine. The appeal of little Star, the mystery boy, is irresistible.

Olympus, an exasperatingly lovable husband with limitations, his wife, the industrious Ann Bee, and all the little Bees provide a source of amusement that never fails.

The many readers who enjoyed "Amarilly" will be captivated anew by the swiftly flowing vigorous story of real people in the unique setting of "Sand Hollar."

(Reilly & Lee; \$1.75 net.)

CENTRALIA NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lamm of Centralia were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Roberts Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. O. E. Wilcox and her sons are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pemberton.

Mrs. Alice Muld has returned to Mexico after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Chandler.

Funeral services will be held in the Red Top Church for Mrs. Peter Evans, who died in Texas.

G. T. Asbury was in Columbia on business Monday.

C. W. Chandler was in Columbia Monday on business.

Mrs. A. C. Barclay was in Centralia Tuesday shopping.

Mrs. H. H. Burks and her daughter, Helen, were visiting friends in Columbia Tuesday.

The Hallsville Farm Club shipped a carload of cattle Monday.

Mrs. A. J. Archer was a visitor in Centralia Tuesday.

The students of Hallsville High School gave an operetta, "The Belles of Fiddlers," and a one-act comedy, "The Burglar," at 7:30 yesterday evening at the Red Top Church.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Rowlands, of Tulsa, Okla., are holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Jones.

Miss Minnie Stevens was in Centralia Monday.

G. C. Jones was in Columbia on business Monday.

Lee Heidbrader, B. J. 20, Here. Lee Heidbrader, B. J. 20, is visiting in Columbia. Mr. Heidbrader is employed by the Merchants' Trade Journal of Des Moines, Ia.

KIN YOU REMEMBER?



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Tomorrow the World Lives Again the Story of the Christ

Tomorrow Christ is born again. Each year He is born into the lives of hundreds of thousands of Christians to make them whole, to save them from their sins, which is the miracle of Him. Even tomorrow, the Wise Men will come out of the East again to Jerusalem, although almost two thousand years have passed since they actually made that journey; for, on Christmas Day, we bring into our lives the happenings of that far-off day when the Babe was born. Live it over in the following:

The Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus, who ruled the world at that time, decreed that all under his dominion should be taxed. All went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph with his wife, Mary, went up from Galilee to the city of David, Bethlehem, to be taxed. Because there was no room in the inn, when Mary brought forth her first-born son, she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger of the stable.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem. They asked Herod, the king, "Where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and are come to worship him."

When Herod and his counselors had heard these things, they were troubled for fear he would lose the crown. Accordingly, the king gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, and demanded of them where Christ would be born. They told him that the prophets had written, the place was Bethlehem out of which city would come a governor who would rule the people of Israel. Having learned this, Herod immediately called the Wise Men and questioned them concerning the appearance of the eastern star. Already the king's scheming brain had begun to devise methods of getting rid of this infant ruler, who, in his ignorance, he thought would usurp the throne. His first step

was to send the Wise Men to Bethlehem with the admonition to, "Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also."

When the Wise Men had heard the king, they departed; and, by the way, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over the place where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. They went in where the young child was with Mary, his mother, and fell down and worshipped him; each opened his treasures, and presented the Savior gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the same country, there were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. The angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were afraid. The angel comforted them, telling them to "Fear not; behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This shall be a sign to you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

As the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds went to see the new-born babe and to rejoice. The Wise Men did not return to Herod, but went into their own country. Joseph fled to Egypt with the Christ-child to save Him from Herod.

This ends the story—the Christmas story. Tomorrow, we will rejoice with the angels over Christ's birth; tomorrow, we will give gifts of myrrh and frankincense with the Wise Men, before we depart into the far country of business and every-day life.

on the stage, and Madge needs must engage in a mad marathon between stage and dressing room, breathlessly changing costume and accent, in order to portray both roles.

Her transition from underworld maid to heiress in a joy to behold and her occasional moments of tense emotion were a revelation to those who remembered her strictly as a comedienne.

Of course, there's the conventional reunion of the two sisters when the less fortunate one burgles the home of the society belle, and Mr. Mitchell provides the old family amulet to prove identities and everybody lives happily ever after. "Cornered" is carried by its star but this is all-sufficient. One can afford to be lenient when Madge Kennedy is a part of a play.

A capable cast surrounds the heroine, with Tom Walsh as a police inspector, Morgan Coman as a drug fiend and Natalie Manning in a small part, standing out most prominently.

Our-of-town points will find Miss Kennedy and her vehicle most interesting when time comes for a tour.

High-spots in the week's music were

TO HAVE POULTRY EXHIBIT

H. L. Kemper to be in Charge of Show During Farmers' Week.

The poultry exhibit during Farmers' Week will be under the supervision of H. L. Kemper of the poultry department.

"The records obtained from the experiments of 150 farmers, who have completed one-year experiments with farm poultry plots, show pleasing results," said Mr. Kemper. "The average income per hen of these farm flocks was \$7 and with the deduction of \$3 for feed and 50 cents for incidentals, \$3.50 is left for profit. These farmers followed the program outlined by the poultry department and the same program is included in the short course schedule. A plan of poultry raising are handled, such as: housing, culling, breeding, feeding and sanitation."

Many successful poultry raisers will speak during Farmers' Week.

TO SAVE GIANT SYCAMORE

Illinois Tree Is on Ground Surveyed for Levee.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The American Forestry Association today called upon the people of Gibson County, Illinois, to file with the association protests against cutting down a giant sycamore tree near Mount Carmel, Ill. The association has been asked both by Richard Lieber, of the Department of Conservation of Indiana, and Dr. Robert Ridgway, an ornithologist of Olney, Ill., to take up the fight of the citizens of the two states to save the tree. It is on the ground surveyed for a levee along the Wabash River, but there is no need of destroying this tree, the association says. The tree is the last of twelve giants that were all within a half mile of each other at one time. This tree is about 150 feet high and has circumference of about 25 feet.

ENTRANCE EXAMS DEC. 30-31

Students Desiring to Take Them Should Notify Registrar.

Entrance examinations will be held in Room 119, Academic Hall, December 30 and 31. Students desiring to take examinations for the removal of entrance conditions should notify the registrar at once. The schedule is as follows:

December 30, 1920: English, 8-10; Advanced algebra, 10-12; bookkeeping, 10-12; commercial geography, 1-2; elementary French, 3-5; trigonometry, 3-5; and history from 2-5.

December 31, 1920: Physics, 8-10; American government, 11-12; economics, 1-2; and German from 2-5.

concerts by Fritz Kreisler and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, which paid the city a visit.

Of Kreisler, little need be said. He still is 'the greatest living violinist' and there is no immediate likelihood of the laurel wreath adorning the brow of someone else. His concerts are an oasis in the desert of mediocre and immature players, who have been too abundant this season. His Carnegie Hall program was more or less conventional, with one interesting novelty in Erich Korngold's arrangement of his incidental music to Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing." Many opinions concur that the music surely fits the title of the play, although Kreisler gave it his usual masterly interpretation. Carl Lamon provided his customary admirable accompaniment.

Under auspices of the Friends of Music Society, the Detroit Orchestra was heard at Carnegie Hall by a large and enthusiastic audience. Conductor Ossip Gabrilowitch stepped down from his stand to play the piano part in Mozart's Concerto in D Minor for piano and orchestra, which proved the best number of the evening. The Detroit Orchestra is a commendable body of musicians and close co-operation between the conductor and his men were quite evident. Weber's overture to "Oberon" and Brahms' first symphony were given creditable reading and performance.

"The Day After"

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. WHAT DOES THAT DAY MEAN TO YOU? DEAN WALTER WILLIAMS HAS SELECTED THE TOPIC "THE DAY AFTER," TO DISCUSS AT HIS BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY MORNING. THERE WILL BE A MESSAGE THAT YOU WILL WANT TO HEAR. THE CLASS IS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL. IT MEETS IN THE BROADWAY ODEON AT 9:45 A. M. PROMPTLY.

In case of rain the Municipal Tree will be held Sunday night instead of Christmas night. 6 p. m.

ALL CHURCH BELLS WILL BE RUNG AT 5:30 ON DAY OF CELEBRATION

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